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1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (14 sheets citing 81 documents);
3. 81 documents cited in Form PTO-1449 attached; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

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The Examiner's attention is directed to co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/454,595 of Weber, E. *et al.*, filed December 7, 1999, and submitted herewith as AR14, which is directed to related technical subject matter.

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